

### **REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough examination given the present application.

Claim 1 is currently being prosecuted. Claim 1 is amended and claim 11 is cancelled. Claim 1 is amended to correct minor informalities. Thus, no new matter has been added.

No new issues have been raised which would require additional search and/or consideration on the part of the Examiner. For instance, claim 1 is simply amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestion to address the objection. Claim 1 has already been searched and considered. In the event that the present submission does not place the application into condition for allowance, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the application into better form for appeal.

Meanwhile, the non-elected claims 2-10 are currently cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the claims in a divisional patent application that claims priority to the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his objection and allow the pending application.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

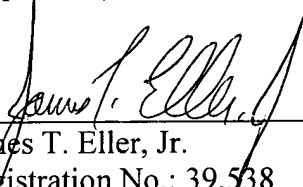
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James T. Eller, Jr., Reg. No. 39,538

at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: FEB 26 2009

Respectfully submitted,

By   
James T. Eller, Jr.  
Registration No.: 39,538  
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP  
8110 Gatehouse Road  
Suite 100 East  
P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000  
Attorney for Applicant